June 23, 1936. Special Agent in Charge, Les Angeles, California. I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication, postparked at Los Angeles, California, June 12, 1936, containing information relative to the activities of the En Kinz Elan organization in the conthern part of California, and especially in los Angeles, California, This is being furnished you for your information, and it is suggested that same be referred to the Los Angeles Police Department for any attention which it may deem appropriate. Yery truly yours, othe Marty Bouver Communications, Section FEDERAL DURENT OF INVESTMENT OR U. B-DEFARIMENT OF JUST CE

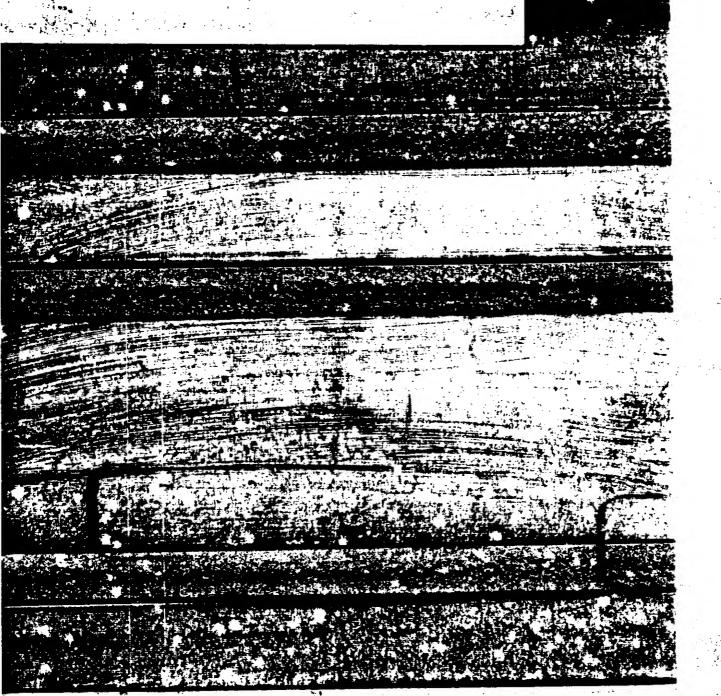
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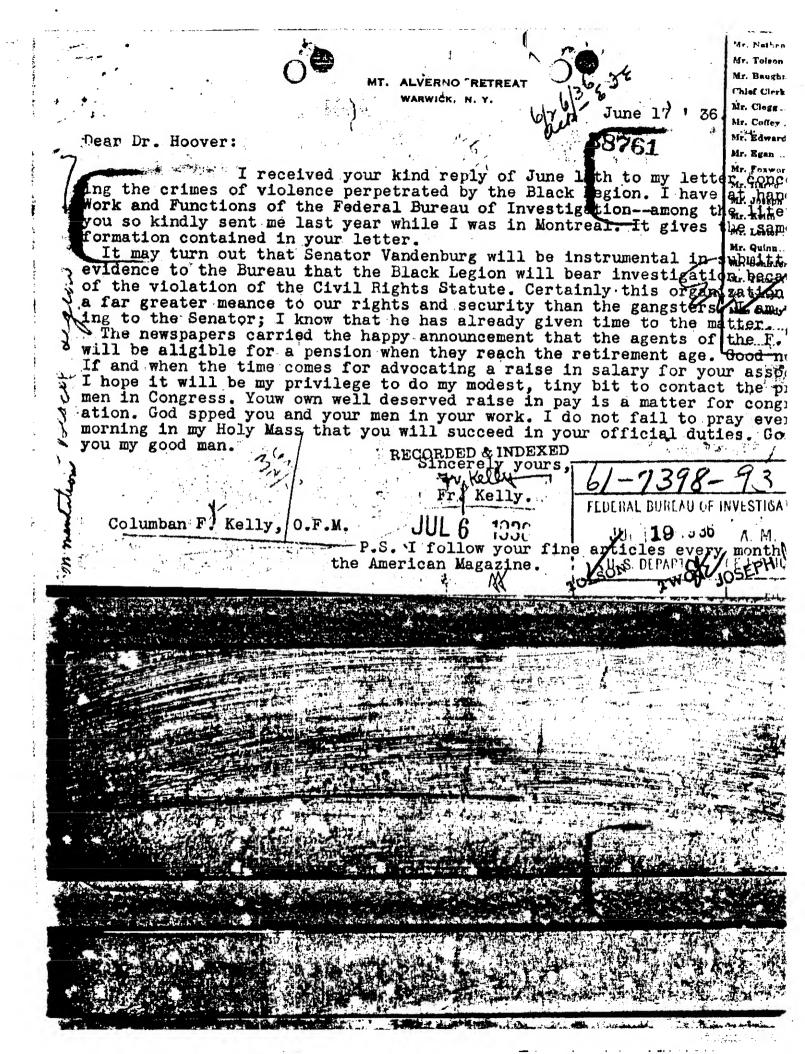
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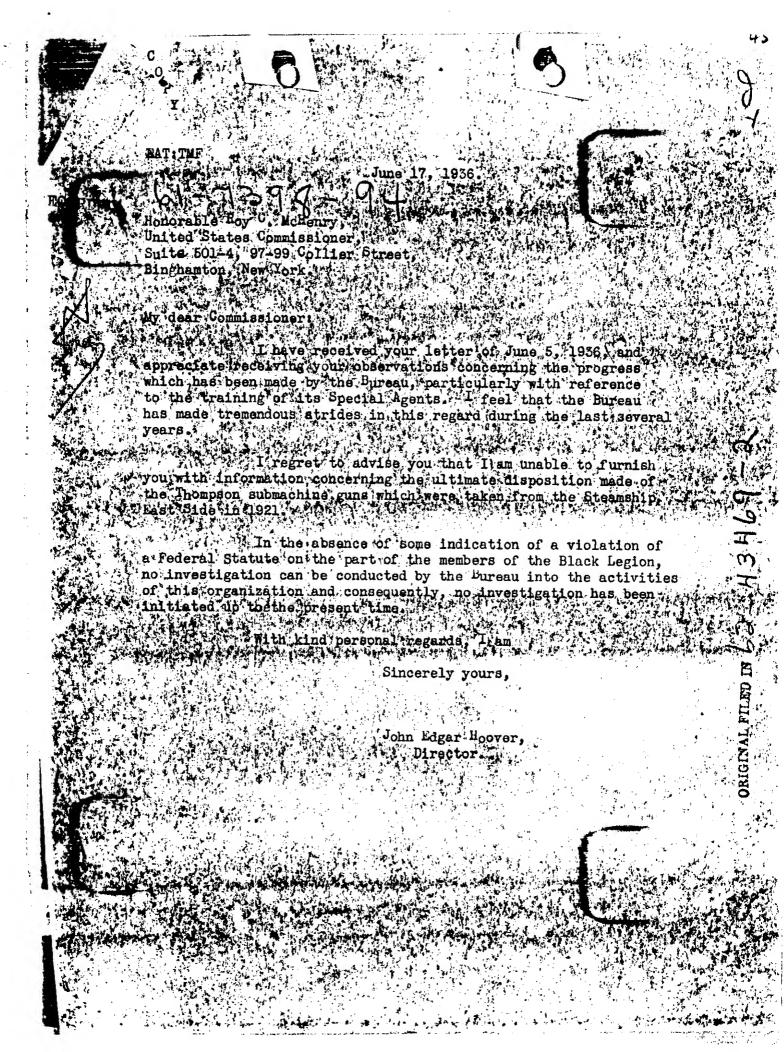






Beverand Columban F. Kelly, O.F.M. Nount Alverno Retreat. Ferniek, New Yorks Door Father Eally: I have your letter of June 17, 1988, femiliating as expression of your apinion relative to the senace to the rights and security of citizens resulting from the crimes of violence thich are being perpetrated by the Black Legion. and requesting that this Buress take appropriate action is regard to this ergenisation. as you undown tedly know, the jurisdiction of this Durant is restricted by logislative enectment to investigating violations of specific Federal laws. Inamuch as the activities of this organisation do not appear to be in wiclation of any such Federal law, this Bureau is without anthorsty to take any action in the propiece. Besever, I tish to thank you for your someondatory statements relative to this Europe and assure you that it is indeed gratifying to know that this bureau is receiving your blessings and ardent supports Sinesrely yours, John Edgar Hoover, Director. CO-NOW YOU'S MUNICATIONS SECTION U & DEFAR ME I UF JUST CI





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Suite 501-4, 97-99 Collier St.,
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June 5, 1986

Hon. John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Mashington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

very much for the copy of "Classification of Lingerprints" and the pamphlets "The Lederal Bureau of Investigation" and "The Selection and Training of Personel", which I have read with a great deal of Interest.

The Bureau has certainly made wonderful strides since I was on the job, in the training of agents. I remember one man who was appointed because he happened to run the elevator in a building where a congressman had his private law office. He turned out to be a good agent at that. But the special training along technical subjects is what appeals to me. I'd have reveled in the targe practice. When I was in charge of the Scranton office, we used to do a little practice shooting, with pistols and revolvers, when we got a chance, but our supply of ammuhition was limited and we had to tack or targets to fence posts.

of the shipment of Thompson Sub-machine Guns which was taken off the steamship Fast Side, in 1921. Assistant Attorney General John E. L. Crimm put the quietus on the prosecution at Trenton, but the last I knew, the guns were still in the custody of the U. S. Attorney at Newark and it was altogether unlikely that anybody would claim them and run the risk of being indicted.

According to the papers, the Bureau is to ge out after the Black Legion. It sound good but I can't figure out what Federal statute they can be prosecuted under. I studied a similar proposition with a view to prosecuting the Communists, when I was in the Criminal Privision, and came to the conslucion it couldn't be done under existing law. If members of the organization go from one state to another, to avoid prosecution for an offense enumerated in the Federal Fugitive Act, they might be got that way, perhaps.

At present people around here are not violating the redsral at least no cases have come up before me since along in April

Thanking you again for the pamphlets, I remain,

JU., 3 0 1935 Sincerely yours,

(S) Roy McHenry

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Bashington, N. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

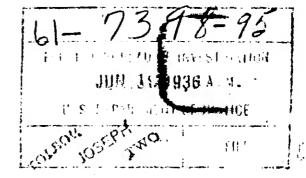
Mr. Sckoppeglia telephoned and stated that he contemplated several articles on the Black Legion" and wanted to know if any data could be furnished by the Bureau. I informed him that this was a purely local matter; that there was no federal violation involved and, therefore, the Bureau had no information concerning the "Black Legion."

Respectfully,

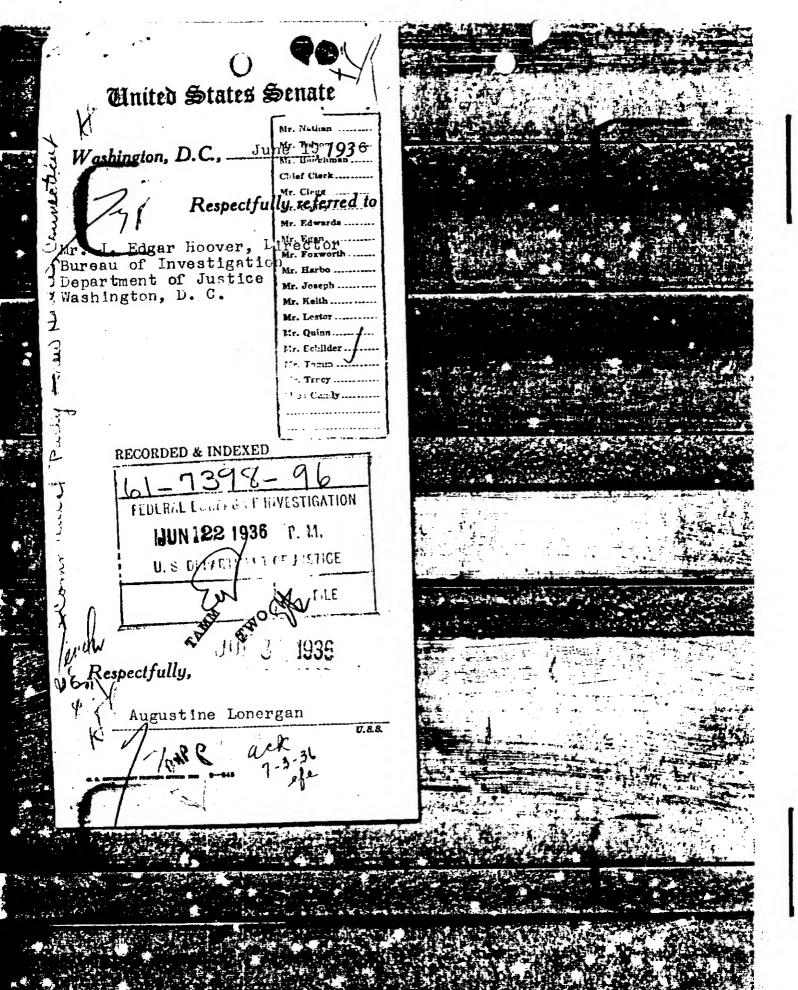
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61-7398-96 Honorable Augustine Lonergen, Valted States Senate, Washington, D. C. My dear Beneford I have your informal memorandum of June 19, 1936 referring for my consideration, the letter of Dr. B. C. Marants of Stanford, Connections dated June 18, 1936 in which he makes inquiry relative to an investigation of the activities of the so called Allack Legion . Inasmuch as the activities of the organisation referred to by Dr. Marants do not appear to constitute the violation of any Federal Law within the investigative juris-diction of this Bureau, I have advised Dr. Marants that this Bureau is without authority to take any action in the premises. I am therefore returning herewith for your file the letter of Dr. Marents, together with the circular attached thereto, ead a copy of my weply to him. With expressions of my highest esteem and best Sincerely yours, r. Paughma Chief Clay B 42 . B (rate) John Edgar Hoover. MENT OF JUST CE

circular enigh was handed to be on the street and want to take whis a occassion to inquire whether there is any investigation pending this most disgrateral so call Malacktegion which should never be allowed to breathe the air of this great country of ours. I am not an anarchist and far from being a communist. Maither can the Socialist party claims and of my votes; but I'll be darned if a fellow isn't driven to extremes by the existence of such a menace. It reminds one of the book pritten by Sinclair Lewis; It sent happen here. One are short of that of a prophet and who has an amcanny sense of judging the human race.

It seems to me that our political fathers are turning a deaf ear to it; is it because of the coming elections or because of the pending adjournment of Congress? It seems to me to be international in scope. Is there any talk about it in Washington? There is some talk about the Liberty League and William Randolph Hearst being behind this scandallous affair.

Hoping to receive your reply and thanking you I am,

/s/ B. C. Marantz, M.D.

65 South Street,
Stamford, Conn.

P.S. - This sheet as you will notice was printed in one of our main cities; New Haven.

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Unmask The Black Legion!

Unite Against Reaction and Fascisn

To The People:

Startli g revelations have taken place these last few days! Ah organization of night riders, vigilantes, murderers, bombers, and arsonists have been exposed. In Wayne County, Michigan, this organization had its beginnings and numbered thousands of members. However, it claims to be a NATIONAL MOVEMENT WITH BRANCHES IN CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS AS WELL. IT IS THEREFORE A STATE AND NATIONAL MENACE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY.

The "Black Legion" is blood brother to the Ku Klux Klan, of Hitler in Germany, and Mussolini in Italy.

The "Black Legion" murdered dozens of men. One was a W.P.A. worker—a Protestant who was married to a Catholic girl. He opposed the Black Legion. It is claimed that the Black Legion burned Father Coughlin's Church. It is claimed that the Black Legion was responsible for killing a worker in Lincoln Park, Michigan, who was a firm believer in trade unionism.

The "Black Legion" is ANTI-COMMUNIST, ANTI-CATHOLIC, ANTI-JEWISH, and ANTI-NEGRO. So is the Ku Klux Klan. So is Hitler in Germany. Last week, Hitler arrested 50 nuns and friars—and is sending them to concentration camps together with Socialists, Communists, lews, and trade unionists.

The "Black Legion" was preparing to set up an open reactionary, tascist dictatorship in America. It was going to smash and wipe out DEMOCRACY.

How does it come about that Republican candidates for office in the State of Michigan SPOKE BEFORE BRANCHES OF THE BLACK LEGION?

How does it come about that McCrea, Wayne County brosecutor, a Republican—SIGNED A MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THIS SINISTER, MURDEROUS OUTFIT?

The facts and connections of this murder gang are so larming, that ALL WORKERS, FARMERS, MIDDLE LASS PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION, REED OR POLITICAL VIEWS, MUST BE AWAKENED OTHE DANGERS THAT BESET US!

These Hitlerite storm troops are a menace to all libertydiving people. There is no doubt that these dupes who bught a black gown and skull cap for \$7.50 (cost 75 cents) fere being used as tools by higher ups. WE MUST EMAND TO KNOW WHAT WERE THE CONNEC-IONS BETWEEN THE BLACK LEGION AND THE PEN-SHOP MULTI-MILLIONAIRE AUTO BARONS? Who are the financial backers of this fascist movement in timerica? like the Black Legion, stand for destruction of the I movement. They, like the Black Legion, stand for pression of all freedom of speech, press, and assemb They, like the Black Legion, stand for racial and relighated. They and the Black Legion are plotting to see a Fascist dictatorship in the United Sates. KNOW FATHER BY THE CHILD1

These are the real Night Riders, the organizers financial backers of budding American fascism! And political party is the same as that of the Black Legion: Republican Party of Landon and Knox and Vanden and Hoover.

We must be ever vigilant! THE PRICE OF LIBER IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE, said the immortal Tho Jefferson. We must be ON GUARD constantly.

DEMAND ACTION BY ROOSEVELT, CUMMINGS AND CONGRESS

Demand the Roosevelt administration use the Bil Rights to protect the minorities against whom the Bil Legion has directed its terror.

Demand that Roosevelt set Attorney General C mings and J. Edgar Hoover into action against the nappers and murderers of the poor.

Instead of wasting \$50,000 investigating the people's movement for the Townsend Plan (old age r sions) the greatest need of the moment is to expose bel the world the Black Legion—its murderous activities, supporters! Demand an immediate Congressional investition and action by the Department of Justice against murder band who is operating in fifteen to twenty-states.

We, the Communist Party, call upon all people, Prote ant. Catholic, Jewish, and Negro workers to UNITE DEFEAT REACTION!

We urge all labor and progressive organizations to se immediately resolutions to President Roosevelt, Attori General Cummings and to Congress demanding fede action.

Defeat the Landons-Hearst-Liberty Leaguers who words legally what the Black Legion is trying tords illegally

WIPE OUT RACE HATRED, ANTI-SEMITISM, AN RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES!

UNITE FOR BETTER CONDITIONS!

Smash the Black Legion! Expose its backers! Unite build a people's movement against fascism and war—buthe FARMER-LABOR PARTY!



1508 West Obio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 19, 1936, advising that for many years you have been torsented by a group of persons who you believe may be competed with the Blank Legion, and requesting that this Bureau Yurnish you adequate protection Against those Dersons. For your information, the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is restricted to investigating violations of specific Federal laws. In view of the absence of any indication, that the activities of the persons to whom you refer are in violation of any such Federal law, this Bureau is without authority to take any action in the premises The metter appears to be one of purely local mature and therefore solely mithin the jurisdiction of the appropriate law enforcement officials of the State of Tary truly yours, John Edgar Hoover, Director. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION O S. DE PANTMENT OF HIS C

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and of them wo to stopo Mose Human Rate some way or other and find out for me for Some fadyelse - digned This Ethel Well Indianapació, Ind,

House of Representatives, Washington, B. C. have readlyed your letter of June 2, 1936, trement thing letter addressed to you under date of May 31, 1936 by Bertram Hopper of 112 West 61st Street, New York City. I have noted from your letter that Mr. Hopper claims to be in possession of information regarding the activities of the Black Legion and other alien forces. I regret to advise you that because of a complete absence of any indication of a violation of a

Federal Statute within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau on the part of members of the Black Legion, no investigation can be conducted by this Bureau into the operations of that organization. A careful review of Mr. Hopper's letter fails to disclose any evidence indicating a violation of any Federal Statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction and accordingly, I am unable to take any action with reference to his letter.' I would sugges to you that if Mr. Hopper possesses information concerning the illegal activities of aliens within the United States, he bring his information to the attention of the officers of the Issignation and Maturalization Service.

The letter from Mr. Hopper which accompanied your letter revith returned.

with expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Biscerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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House of Representatives U. S. Committee on Patents Mashington, D. C.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief. Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

A few days ago I was interviewed by lir. Betram Hopper whose letter I am inclosing to you. He has advised me that he has in his possession secret information regarding the work of the Black Legion and other alien forces that are at the present time at work against President Franklin D. Roosevelt. I thought you would be rendering a commendable service if you would request one of your representatives in the City of New York to send for Mr. Hopper and see what information he has to give to you that might be utilized by your Department.

With every good and kind wish to you, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

William I

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